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FLY OF THE MONTH

Damselfly Nymph

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This weeks pattern is a great fly for tiers of all skill levels. It is an easy fly that has very few materials.

Dave has spent a lot of time observing the behaviors of the Damselfly Nymph. The nymph will swim for only a few feet before resting. When the nymph stops swimming it sinks. As it sinks the body remains level and the tail raises. This fly is design to mimic this resting state. He uses a piece of non-lead weight on the bottom side of the hook shank to work as a basalt so the fly will descend uniformly. When fishing this fly, strip it through the water only a few feet and let it rest for a long time. Dave uses a ten count for the rest between stripping. The fish will take the nymph as it is settling in the water.

Materials

Hook – Size 12 Nymph Hook

Thread – 8/0 light Brown

Weight – Small Lead or Non-Lead wire

Tail and Body – Light Brown Marabou

Rib – Gold Ultra Fine Wire – the smallest you can find

Shell back – Crystal Flashabou

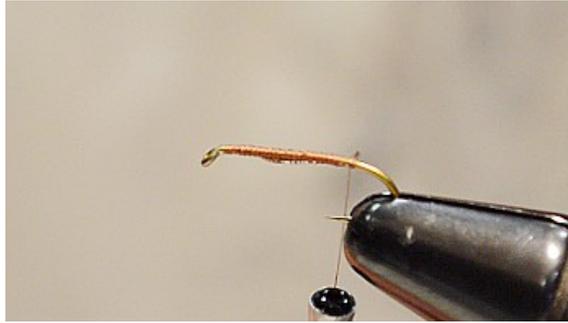
Color variations

Tying Steps



Step 1

Make a jam knot behind the eye of the hook and wrap the thread down the hook shank to the bend of the hook.



Step 2

Tie a piece of lead wire on the bottom of the hook. Dave wants this fly to sink level, so he finds this to be a very valuable step. He says that you can tie this without the lead but the fly will not have the same action and you will not catch as many fish.



Step 3

Pull some marabou from the side of a plume and tie this so that the tips form a tail that is the same length as the hook shank. If it is long do not fret because you can simply pinch off the extra when the fly is complete. Bind the rest of the marabou down the length of the hook shank and return the thread to the bend.



Step 4

Add a fine wire at the bend of the hook and let it hang off the back while you prepare the rest of the abdomen. Dave uses an extra fine wire that he got from a jewelry store, but you can use any

extra fine wire. Take another clump of marabou, tie it in at the bend and wrap the marabou around the shank two thirds the way up the hook. Counter wrap the wire, tie down and trim off any extra materials.



Step 5

Tie in a small clump of pearl Flashabou and leave the extra hanging over the abdomen. This will later be pulled over the back.



Step 6

Add yet another clump of marabou. This is the third and final bunch of marabou added to the fly. Wrap the marabou forward to form the thorax. Leave at least a shank's length of marabou at the front of the fly.



Step 7

Pull the Flashabou over the back and tie it off right behind the eye. This should split the loose marabou ends in half. Pull the marabou over the body and tie down.



Step 8

Trim off excess materials, build a head, whip finish, and cut the tread. Finish by coating the head with head cement.

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